



Dear Stakeholder:

You are receiving this letter because your agency may be utilizing Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms certified by the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP). The PA UCP certifies all DBE firms in Pennsylvania in accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26. The PA UCP is headed by an Oversight Committee which ensures certification procedures are being carried out and mitigates potential barriers to DBE firms seeking to compete on a level playing field.

It has come to the attention of the PA UCP Oversight Committee that many DBE firms are being required to provide expiration dates and physical copies of certification letters. Please note that DBE certification does not expire, consistent with 49 CFR Part 26.87, and an expiration date should not be requested. Furthermore, physical certification letters should not be requested or required. Verification of DBE firms' eligibility should be done via the PA UCP database which can be found at www.paucp.com. The PA UCP database is updated in real time and represents the most accurate listing of certified DBEs in Pennsylvania. If your agency requires documentation of a DBE firm's eligibility, a dated screenshot of the applicable firm, as it appears in the database, should be utilized.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, please contact Lisa L. Edmonds, Chairperson of the PA UCP Oversight Committee, at 412-350-4309 or Lisa.Edmonds@alleghenycounty.us.

Sincerely,

Lisa L. Edmonds
Chair of the PA UCP Oversight Committee